

REMARKS

Claims 1, 3, and 9 have been amended. Thus, Claims 1, 3-9, and 11-16 are pending in the present application.

Advisory Action

The Examiner stated in an Advisory Action mailed June 2, 2004 that a more specific claim with respect to the relevance of the data used should be claimed to distinguish the present application from Schwenke.

Applicant amended claims 1, 3, and 9 accordingly. According to the amended claims, the method comprises the step of "defining variables for machine operation relevant for said human machine interface." This limitation is disclosed in the English specification on page 4 in paragraphs [0014] and [0015]. Thus, individual variables are marked as HMI-relevant, in other words the system will thus know that these variables will later be used to define the HMI interface which allow for operation of a machine.

Schwenke does neither disclose nor suggest such a step in which variables which are relevant for an HMI interface are determined. Schwenke merely discloses to provide logic for supporting an HMI interface. See col. 10, line 45-46. Thus, the system still requires an HMI editor to actually define the HMI. See col. 11, line 55-65. Schwenke only discloses some support to generate an HMI. See also col. 18, lines 55-56. However, Schwenke does not disclose to automatically generate an HMI.

Therefore, Applicant respectfully requests allowance of the present set of claims.

CONCLUSION

The application as defined in the pending claims is patentable under 35 U.S.C. §102 and §103 in view of the cited prior art. Therefore, applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the rejection and allowance of all pending claims.

Applicants do not believe that any other fees are due at this time; however, should any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 to 1.21 be required for any reason relating to this document, the

Commissioner is authorized to deduct the fees from Deposit Account No. 02-0383, (*formerly Baker & Botts, L.L.P.*) Order Number 071308.0239.

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